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Banks.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL, £5,000,000 Dollars. RESERVE FUND, £1,600,000 Dollars.

COURT OF DIRECTORS,
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HONGKONG,
INTEREST ALLOWED.

ON Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

For Fixed Deposits:—

For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.
" 6 " 4 per cent. " "
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LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.

Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Drafts, granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager,
Offices of the Corporation,
No. 1, Queen's Road East,
Hongkong, August 10, 1880.

COMPTOIR DES COMPTES DE PARIS,
(Incorporated 17th & 18th March, 1848.)

RECOGNISED BY THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION OF 30TH APRIL, 1862.

CAPITAL FULLY PAID-UP, £5,200,000. RESERVE FUND, £2,800,000.

HEAD OFFICE—14, Rue Berbierie,
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AGENCIES and BRANCHES at:
LONDON, BOURBON, SAN FRANCISCO,
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LONDON BANKERS:
THE BANK OF ENGLAND.
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The Hongkong Agency receives Fixed Deposits on Terms to be ascertained on application, grants Drafts and Credits in all parts of the World, and transacts every description of Banking Exchange Business.

E. G. VOUILLEMONT,
Manager, Shanghai,
Hongkong, May 20, 1870.

CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA, AND CHINA.

CAPITAL, £200,000,000. RESERVE FUND, £100,000,000.

THE BANK OF ENGLAND.
THE CITY BANK.

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THE BANK'S BRANCH IN HONGKONG grants Drafts on London and the Chief Commercial places in Europe and the East; buys and receives for collection Bills of Exchange, and conducts all kinds of Banking and Exchange Business.

RATES OF INTEREST ALLOWED ON
DEPOSITS.

On Current Accounts, 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

On Fixed Deposits.

For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.
" 6 " 4 per cent. " "
" 12 " 5 per cent. " "

WILLIAM FORREST,
Manager.

Hongkong, May 10, 1880.

Banks.

ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION.
(Incorporated by Royal Charter.)

PAID-UP CAPITAL, £1,500,000.

RATES OF INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS.

At 3 months' notice 3% per annum.

" 6 " 4% " "

" 12 " 5% " "

Current Accounts kept on Terms which may be learnt on application.

GEO. O. SCOTT,
Acting Manager.

Oriental Bank Corporation,
Hongkong, September 4, 1879.

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

M. ERNST LUDWIG REUTER has been authorized to sign our Firm Procuration.

PUBSTAU & Co.

Hongkong, October 18, 1880. no18

Entertainment.

HONGKONG CHORAL SOCIETY.

A CONCERT will be given in the ST. ANDREW'S HALL,

on FRIDAY EVENING,

the 18th instant, to commence at Nine p.m. punctually.

Tickets (Price 50c) can be obtained from Messrs LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., and after Tuesday, the 16th instant.

The following will be the Programme:—

PART I.—

1. Pianoforte Solo.....

2. Song..... Mrs COLES.

3. Song, The Wanderer Mr WINTERBOT-

TON, R.N.

4. Duet, La Voce dei

Mrs COLES and

5. Song, Hubert et que

Jane (Meyerbeer), Mrs MEYER.

An Interval of Ten Minutes.

PART II.—

(SELECTIONS FROM HANDEL'S SERENADE,
AIGH AND GALATEA).

1. Chorus, Oh, the pleasures of the Plain.

2. Solo, As when the dove

Mrs COLES.

3. Chorus, Happy We.

4. Solo, Oh, rather than

the cherry.

5. Solo, The Heart the

seat of soft delight.

6. Chorus, Galates, dry your tears.

A. P. STOKES,
Hon. Ste., H.K. Choral Society.

Hongkong, November 15, 1880. no20

THEATRE ROYAL.

CITY HALL,

HONGKONG.

SIGNOR CAGLIO'S New and Much

Augmented ITALIAN OPERA COMPANY

will give their

FIRST PERFORMANCE OF

SATURDAY,

November 20th.

PRICES OF ADMISSION:

Family Tickets admitting 8 for Series

of 8 distinct Performances;

Dress Circle, \$40

Stalls, \$30

Single Dress Circle, \$35

Stalls, \$25

Back Seats, \$15

Seats may be secured and Tickets ob-

tained at Messrs KELLY & WALSH's.

Hongkong, November 15, 1880. no21

FOR Sale.

FOR SALE.

EX SHAW'S BRANDY,

First Quality.

Second Quality.

GILMAN & Co.

Hongkong, October 22, 1880. de23

FOR SALE.

MUNIZ PATENT YELLOW METAL

SHETHAVING, all sizes;

AND COMPOSITION NAILS,

in lots to suit Purchasers.

G. R. LAMMERT,

Pedder's Wharf Buildings.

Hongkong, July 28, 1880.

NOW READY.

PRICE, \$1.00.

COMPARATIVE CHINESE FAMILY LAW*

By E. H. PARKER.

Can be obtained from KELLY & WALSH

at Shanghai, and Hongkong, at LANE,

CRAWFORD & Co., Hongkong, and at the

China Mail Office.

Hongkong, December 6, 1870.

For Sale.

KELLY & WALSH

HAVE just Received

CHRISTMAS CARDS:—

LETTS DIARIES for 1881.

Perry's "Navies of the World."

Hamerton's "Etching and Etchers."

"Hand book of Architectural Styles."

The Englishman's House."

Cavendish's "Card Essays and Decli-

sions."

Dickens's "Speeches."

"Carole of Cockayne."

Bergon's "Marine Engineer."

Roxas's "Engineer's Handy-book."

Onida's "Mohr."

Dickens's "Works" Complete, 18 Vols.

in Case.

Scott's "Works" Complete, 32 Handy

Vols. in Case.

Vera Foster's "Drawing Course."

Huth's "Life and Writings of Buckle."

Gillott's PENS in great varieties.

New SKETCHING BLOCKS.

Hington's "Australian Abroad, Ceylon,

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For Sale.

MacEWEN, FRICKEL & CO.
HAVE JUST RECEIVED EX
"AMERICAN MAIL."

Prime Eastern CHEESE.
Young American CHEESE.
Fine Apple CHEESE.
Californian BUTTER.
HOPS and MALT.
Laputa TONGUES.

Soused PIG'S FEET.
Split PEAS.
Assorted JAMS.
Assorted VEGETABLES.
Assorted MEATS.
Assorted SOUPS.

CODFISH.
Pig's Head CHEESE.
Devilled HAM.
CAVIARE.
California Golden SYRUP.
CIDER.

Whittaker's HAMS.
Breakfast BACON.
COMB HONEY in Frame and
Bottle.

Pickled OX-TONGUES.
Pickled PIG FORK.
Boneless CODFISH.
Salmon BELLES.
MACKEREL.

Green TURTLE, 1lb. and 2lb. Tins.
Border's Condensed MILK (very fresh).
California BISCUITS in Cask and Tins.
Ginger OAKES.
Milk BISCUITS.

Soda BISCUITS.
Wafers BISCUITS.
Alphabet BISCUITS.
Oyster BISCUITS.

Buckwheat FLOUR.
CORNMEAL.
RYE MEAL.
HOMINY, Small and Large.
Cracked WHEAT.
OATMEAL.

SHELLBACK NUTS.

PECAN NUTS.
WALNUTS.
SOFT SHELL ALMONDS.
PEA NUTS.

Canned Table Fruits.
Bartlett PEARS.
PEACHES.

GREENGAGES.
APRICOTS.
QUINCES.
etc., &c.

Tart FRUITS.

Smoked BEEF.

Smoked OX-TONGUES.

Compressed OX-TONGUES.

Minced MEAT.

Compressed Corned BEEF.

Assorted JELLIES in Glass Jars.

Mixed PICKLES.

Assorted PICKLES.

Corned BEEF.

Queen's OLIVES.

Clam CHOWDER.

Sausage MEAT.

Californian SARDINES.

PORK AND SARDINES.

Yeast POWDER.

Smoked SALMON.

PORK in 200lb. Barrels.

Fruit BUTTER.

Cranberry SAUCE.

Apple SAUCE.

Butter BEANS.

Brown BEANS.

We have the following FOR SALE, in
Large or Small Quantities in Bulk—

Fine Valen'tia RAISINS.

Fine Patras CURRANTS.

Smyrna FIGS.

Good Breakfast TEA at 25 Cents per lb.

Fine MIXTURE in 5 & 10 Catty Boxes.

CROSSE & BLACKWELL'S
HOUSEHOLD STORES.

JOHN MOIR & SONS' CELEBRATED PRESERVES.

We beg to direct special attention to our
well selected Stock of

Wines, Spirits, &c.

HEDDING & CO.'s MONOPOLY, Pts. & Qua.

MOMM'S (Jules) CHAMPAGNE, Pts. & Qua.

CHARLES HEDDING'S WHITE SEAL,
Pints and Quarts.

CHATEAU LAROSE (COURTESY & ADET'),
Pints and Quarts.

CHATEAU LAFITE, Pints and Quarts.

RIES GRAVES, Pints and Quarts.

BREAKFAST CLARET, Pints and Quarts.

OLD INVALID CLARET,

St. JULIEN, &c., &c.

Burgundy, Hock, Sherries, &c.

Chambord, Chablis (white), Liebfraumilch,

Hochheimer, Niersteiner, Steinberger

Cabinet, Rudeheimer Berg, Konig-

lin, Victoria Berg, Chateau

Yquem, Grand Vin, Haut

Sauterne, Marsala, Sac-

one's Pale Dry White Seal

Sherry, Yellow Seal, Amontillado

Sherry, Oporto, Valdespina, Conde's

Sherry, Invalid Port (1848), Bush's Port.

Brandy, Whisky, Liqueurs, &c.

1, 2 and 3 Star Hennessy's Brandy, La

Grande Marque Brandy, Cutler Palmer

& Co.'s Brandy, Rouyer Guillet &

Co.'s Brandy, 1 to 4 stars;

Finest Old Bourbon Whisky, highly recom-

mended. Buchanan's Ltd. Irish Whisky,

Jamieson's Irish Whisky, Royal

Glenlivet Whisky.

A.V.H. G.H. Swaine Board & Co.'s Old Tom

Gin; La Grande Orléane, Green

and Yellow, Mancini's Zara,

Quiriqua, Pts. & Qua.; Anglo-

Port, John & Sons' Orange

Bitter, &c., &c., &c.

BASS' ALE, bottled by CAMERON & SAW-

DRINKS, Pints and Quarts.

GUINNESS'S STOUT, bottled by E. & J.

BURKE, Pints and Quarts.

PILSENER BEER, in Quarts.

DAUGHT ALE and PORTER, by the

Gallon.

Fine ALE, bottled by MacM. E. & Co.

ALE and PORTER, in Bulk, (Hogsheads

and Kilderkins).

SHIPS STORES and SAIL-MAKING.

Hongkong, October 8, 1880.

Insurances.

LANCASHIRE INSURANCE
COMPANY.
(FIRE AND LIFE)

CAPITAL—TWO MILLIONS STEELING.

The Undersigned are prepared to grant

Policies against the Risk of FIRE on

Buildings or on Goods stored therein, on

Goods aboard Vessels and on Hulls of

Vessels in Harbour, at the usual Terms

and Conditions.

Proposals for Life Assurances will be re-

ceived, and transmitted to the Directors

for their decision.

If required, protection will be granted on

first class Lives up to £1000 on a Single

Life.

For Rates of Premiums, forms of pro-

posals or any other information, apply to

ARNOLD, KARBERG & Co.,

Agents, Hongkong & Canton.

Hongkong, January 4, 1867.

CHINA TRADERS' INSURANCE
COMPANY, LIMITED.

HEAD OFFICE, HONGKONG.

Position of the Company at the close of

the last financial year, the 30th April, 1880.

CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED.....\$1,000,000.00

CAPITAL PAID-UP.....\$ 800,000.00

RESERVE FUND.....\$ 425,000.00

BALANCE UNDIVIDED.....\$ 70,274.33

DIVIDEND PAID TO SHARE-

HOLDERS.....20% per Annum

DIVIDEND PAID TO ALL CONTRIBUTORS

OF BUSINESS, 25% on the amount

of their Contributions.

THE Company grants Policies on MARINE

Risks to all parts of the World, payable

at any of its Agencies.

Contributory Dividends are PAYABLE

TO ALL CONTRIBUTORS OF BUSI-

NESS WHETHER THEY ARE SHARE-

HOLDERS OR NOT.

B. GOLDSMITH,

Acting Secretary.

Hongkong, August 13, 1880.

THE LONDON ASSURANCE.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER

of His Majesty King George The First,

A.D. 1720.

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THE Undersigned having been appointed

Agents for the above Corporation are

prepared to grant Insurances as follows:—

Marine Department.

Policies at current rates payable either

here, in London or at the principal Ports

of India, China and Australia.

Fire Department.

Policies issued for long or short periods at

current rates. A discount of 20% allowed.

Life Department.

Policies issued for sum not exceeding

£5,000 at reduced rates.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.

Hongkong, July 25, 1872.

YANGTSZE INSURANCE
ASSOCIATION.

CAPITAL (Fully Paid-up).....Ts. 420,000

PERMANENT RESERVE.....Ts. 230,000

SPecIAL RESERVE FUND.....Ts. 263,265

TOTAL CAPITAL AND AC-

CUMULATIONS, 8th &.....Ts. 913,268

April, 1880.

Directors.

F. B. FORBES, Esq., Chairman.

W. M. BOYD, Esq. W. M. MEYERINKE, Esq.

J. H. PINCKVUS, F. D. HITCH, Esq.

Esq.

HEAD OFFICE—SHANGHAI.

Messrs RUSSELL & Co., Secretaries.

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remain, but added to them and revived and copied those that were decayed. There were therefore in his kingdom Accadian, Babylonian, Assyrian, Median and Persian texts, dating from 2800-500 B.C. After the fall of the Persian dominion the graphic system came into disuse, being replaced by a newer and less difficult system; and in two centuries after the death of Darius no one was able to explain any of the monuments, whether Persian or otherwise. Centuries passed by. Then Don Garcia de Figuereida attracted the attention of Europe to the Cuneiform inscriptions, and a Roman nobleman Pietro della Valle verified the grounds and gave to the world a detailed account of what he saw. The connection of Chardin half a century later, and of Dr Hyde, an English Orientalist, and Krempler a German in 1780 were dealt with; it being shown how the misconceptions of the former removed by the latter, put an end for some time to all investigation. Augustin Duperron, a Frenchman of great learning, gave to the world the first translation of the ancient Persian sacred works and thus acquainted Europe with the sacred language of Zoroaster. The Zond immediately became of great importance and Sanskrit an object of eager and interested research. The discoveries of Niebuhr, the well-known Danish orientalist, and Tyschen, were next explained, and a few words devoted to the humorous side of these great discoveries. On the 4th September 1802 Georg Friedrich Grotewold read before the Academic Society of Goettingen his first papers on the cuneiform inscriptions, in the same meeting in which Heyne propounded his discoveries in the Egyptian Hieroglyphs. Grotewold's discoveries amongst the ruins of Persepolis were fully and interestingly dealt with by the lecturer, the first steps taken by his investigations towards the successful discovery of the ancient alphabet being detailed. To Professor Grotewold certainly belongs, he said, the credit of being the first to open a gallery into this rich treasure-house of antiquity. In deciphering the name of Darwansh Kulscharsch and Vissetschat he determined nearly a third of the entire alphabet, and thus at once supplied an ample and sure basis for further investigation. In 1820 Mons. Sujit-Martin resumed the labour of investigation on its being abandoned by Grotewold, succeeding only so far in giving strength to the arguments of the German Professor. Further discoveries, which were detailed, were made by Professor Rask, M. Burnouf, Professor Lassen. It was only in 1855 that England entered on this field of discovery. Sir Henry Rawlinson, (then Col. Rawlinson) undertook the investigation of the cuneiform characters, and in 1857-58 published in the transactions of the Royal Asiatic Society the first complete translation of the Greek Behistun inscription concerning which some interesting particulars were given by the lecturer. Dr Hincks of Dublin and Professor Oppert added to this most important translation of Rawlinson's many grave and valuable dispositions, so that in 1850 the grammar and lexicography of the old Persian language were permanently fixed, and it could be justly said that the Persian inscriptions were and could be translated with accuracy and perfect comprehension. Up to 1853 inscriptions of Cyrus, Cambyses, Darius, Xerxes and Artaxerxes had been translated with great success, inscriptions teeming with historical interest and dealing with a time and people concerning which, on account of differences in authorities and paucity of tradition, the world knew nothing. The lecturer having reviewed thus briefly the history of the Persian inscriptions came next to the Assyrian discoveries which he traced from the first step towards them in 1820 by Rieke, political Resident in Bagdad. In 1840 Rotta sent out 250 laboriously correct copies of Assyrian documents to Europe, and the work of comparing and investigating now fairly commenced. It was found that whereas the Persian Alphabet in its Cuneiform Inscriptions contained only 42 signs, the Assyrian had more than 400. In 1840-50 the first earnest labours commenced. Up to that date the complicated graphic system of the difficulty pending between Russia and China from a more extensive point of view, than the narrow frontier line of Kuldja, about which the dispute originally arose, may not be out of place here, especially if it should appear that Great Britain, as mistress of India, has special reasons to keep a close eye on Russian encroachments in Western Chinese Turkistan. It will hardly be believed that Russia has, within the last few years, brought down her Central Asian frontier to a point not much more than one hundred miles north of the Indo-British northern frontier line of the "Kulja," or Kashgar. In 1878, the Czar by an Imperial edict, declared the territory of the Kara Kirghiz of the Pamir steppes formally annexed to the Russian Empire, as a dependency of the newly constituted Province of Fergana, established two years before under General Skobeleff, and formed out of the territories wrested from China, in the Ili region, whereof New and Old Kulja are principal towns, about twenty miles apart, on the north bank of that river. This new Russian province comprised the so-called "Kulja Triangle," whose apex is placed at the point of junction of two mountain ranges enclosing the Ili Valley, and leaving the town of Kuldja on the line of its base, supported by Adjutant, and behind it by Tuskend, the seat of Government of all Russian Turkistan. Fort Narin is connected by an excellent military road with Fort Vierny, from which another very good military road runs to Kuldja, north-eastward; and its main branch goes back by Houjent to Tashkend, being in every place practicable for cavalry and artillery. South of Fort Narin, there are two or three quite accessible passes leading on to the Pamir Plateau; which, as stated, is now become Russian Territory, as far as a few minutes north of 38° N.L. The Kara Kirghiz occupy these steppes, being nomadic tribes of Tartar stock; by some ethnologists confounded with the Kirghiz Kapaks of the Altai Lake steppes, about whom a Russian writer and traveller, Alexis Lebedian, has published an interesting book entitled, "Oriental Kirghiz Kayasaty, Its, Kapakky Ord i Stepes." A description of the hordes and steppes of the Kirghiz Kapaks or Kayaks, in which he works to the Kara Kirghiz as the "Black Kirghiz," distinct, he thinks from the Kayaks, who he also says are not to be confounded with the Kapaks of the Don, although originally perhaps of the same stock. The Russian Military Engineers of General Kaufmann in a stratigraphic Chart published last year (1878-9) give the southern limit of the Kara Kirghiz country at near 38° N.L. with a few minutes difference. It appears that their "Ak-eals" (white bearded) or headmen, seeing the fate of the Tartars of Kuldja, the

hastened. Thus had science, triumphing over seemingly unsurmountable difficulties, proved anew that she could penetrate and lead her votaries into the very heart of the mystical history of long-forgotten ages. The progress was rapid, the march onward sure. The Assyrian tablets, like the Persian, give us the names of long lines of princes; they tell us of Nineveh and Babylon, of Berosus, and Enoch, of Nirood, and Noah; Bel, Moloch and Ashur, of Semirrois, Nebuchadrezzar, and Sardanapalus; of the great wars which convulsed Iran and gave us an almost unbroken history of kings who reigned consecutively for more than 1,500 years. The lecturer concluded as follows:—

"Of what incalculable practical value are these stone documents; how prophetic the wisdom of their indestructibility! The engraved library of Assurbanipal was collected under the supervision of the wisest scholars living. Over 23,000 inscriptions represented the literary activity of Assyria for 2,000 years. From all parts of Assyria, Armenia, Babylon, Chaldea, and Assyria we see the stellate monuments; half ruined texts, crumbling obelisks and fallen temples were examined and copied and then transmitted to the King's library, royal proof of his genius and civilization."

Grammatical lists and syllabaries, the foundation of our present knowledge of the language—prodigious dictionaries of Assyrian and Accadian—Poems, full of fervor of the sweetest psalms—long historical and chronological lists, among which is the invaluable Eponym canon, which establishes the Old Testament records and chronology (so often attacked and disputed) and now acknowledged, universally, to be almost without flaw; proving the Jews, as they appear in their sacred books, to have been the grandest type of a theistic people—the one-time worthy followers of inspired leaders. Here too in the collections are treatises on mysticism—treatises on Mythology and Astrology and demonology, with weird charms, exorcisms and magic formulae—works on Chaldean magic as received from the old Accadians; the Rosicrucians of antiquity; ledgers and diaries of private citizens and merchants, accounts of the Royal Palace and Hunting Parks—Astronomical notices of eclipses of sun and moon—of appearances and disappearances of remote heavenly bodies—exhaustive treatises on religion—lists of Gods, side by side with almost Platonic or Aristotelian essays.

Lastly among the names of the cities and countries, of the conquerors and conquered, we read Lebanon and Damascus, Tyre and Sidon, Cyprus and the Mediterranean, Joppa and Jerusalem, Egypt and the Nile, Ethiopia and Abyssinia—of Manasseh, John, Onari, Ezekiel and Hezekiah, of Neho, Terahaka, and the Pharaohs.

Finally, in our hasty retrospectives of this evening is not there a sentiment of vivid pleasure, that we have now another world, well-organized, animated, full of new perceptions, to evoke at will—and yet to a feeling of pity for the decay and extinction of the knightly races who let so luminous a track in the history of science and art and have no descendants remaining, with even a consciousness of past glory?—the strong and the beautiful, the gracious and majestic, the antique dignity and simplicity, the rising and expansion of many others, where are they? sad and silent all. Our pleasing impressions of wonder and gratifying curiosity are mingled with the inevitable sentiment that throws its shadow over the knightly races who let so luminous a track in the history of science and art and have no descendants remaining, with even a consciousness of past glory?—the strong and the beautiful, the gracious and majestic, the antique dignity and simplicity, the rising and expansion of many others, where are they? sad and silent all. Our pleasing impressions of wonder and gratifying curiosity are mingled with the inevitable sentiment that throws its shadow over the knightly races who let so luminous a track in the history of science and art and have no descendants remaining, with even a consciousness of past glory?—the strong and the beautiful, the gracious and majestic, the antique dignity and simplicity, the rising and expansion of many others, where are they? sad and silent all. 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Intimations.

THE CHINA REVIEW.

THE widely-expressed regret at the discontinuance of *Notes & Queries* on China and Japan, has induced the publishers of this journal to issue a publication similar in object and style, but slightly modified in certain details.

THE CHINA REVIEW, or Notes and Queries on the Far East, is issued at intervals of two months, each number containing about 60 octavo pages, occasionally illustrated with little engravings, photographs, woodcuts, &c., should the papers published demand, and the circulation justify, such extra matter.

The subscription is fixed at \$4.50 postage paid per annum, payable by non-residents in Hongkong half-yearly in advance.

The publication includes papers original and selected upon the Arts and Sciences, Ethnology, Folklore, Geography, History, Literature, Mythology, Manners and Customs, Natural History, Religion, &c., &c., of China, Japan, Mongolia, Tibet, the Eastern Archipelago, and the "Far East" generally. A more detailed list of subjects upon which contributions are especially invited is incorporated with each number. Original contributions in Chinese, Latin, French, German, English, Italian, or Portuguese, are admissible. Endeavours are made to present a résumé in each number of the contents of the most recent works bearing on Chinese matters. Great attention is also paid to the Review department.

Notes and Replies are classified together as "Notes" (head entries being given, when furnished); to previous Notes or Queries, as are also those queries which though asking for information, furnish new or unpublished details concerning the matter in hand. It is desirable to make the Queries proper as brief and as much to the point as possible.

The China Review for July and August, 1876, is at hand. It says that forty-two essays were sent in to compete for the best on the advantages of Christianity for the development of a State. All our learned societies should subscribe to this scholarly and enterprising Review. It is a sixty-paged, bi-monthly repertory of what scholars are investigating about China. The lecture on Chinese Poetry in this volume is alone worth the price of the Review. Address *China Review*, Hongkong.—Northern Christian Advocate (U.S.).

Tribune's Oriental Record contains the following notice of the *China Review*:— "This is the title of a publication, the first number of which has lately reached us from Hongkong, where it has been set on foot in some respects a continuation of *Notes and Queries on China and Japan*, the extinction of which useful serial a year or two ago has been much regretted in Europe as well as in China. The present publication, judging by the number now before us, is intended to occupy a position, as regards China and the neighbouring countries, somewhat similar to that which has been filled in India by the *Cadet's Review*. The great degree of attention that has been bestowed of late years upon the investigation of Chinese literature, antiquities, and social developments, to say nothing of linguistic studies, has led to the accumulation of important stores of information, rendering some such channel of publicity as is now provided extremely desirable; and contributions of much interest may fairly be looked for from the members of the foreign consular services, the Chinese Customs' corps, and the missionary body, among whom a high degree of Chinese scholarship is now assiduously cultivated, and who are severally represented in the first number of the *Review* by papers highly creditable to their respective authors. In a paper on Dr. Legge's *She King*, by the Rev. E. J. Etzel, to which the place of honour is deservedly given, an excellent summary is presented of the chronological problems and arguments involved in connexion with this important work. Some translations from Chinese novels and plays are copied by both accuracy and freshness of style; and an account of the career of the Chinese poet-titanian of the eleventh century, Su Tung-yo, by Mr. E. C. Bowra, is not only historically valuable, but is also distinguished by its literary grace. Beside notices of new books relating to China and the East, which will be a useful feature of the *Review*, if carried out with punctuality and detail, we are glad to notice that "Notes" and "Queries" are destined to find a place in this page also. It is to be hoped that this opening for contributions on Chinese subjects may evoke a similar degree of literary zeal to that which was displayed during the lifetime of its predecessor in the field, and that the *China Review* may receive the support necessary to insure its continuance. The publication is intended to appear every two months, and will form a substantial octavo magazine."

THE CHINESE MAIL.

This paper is now issued every day. The subscription is fixed at Four Dollars per annum, delivered at Hongkong, or Seven Dollars Fifty Cents including postage to Coast ports.

It is the first Chinese Newspaper ever issued under strict native direction. The chief support of the paper is—of course derived from the native community, amongst whom also are to be found the governors and securities necessary to place it on a business and legal footing.

The projectors, basing their estimates upon the most reliable information from the various Ports in China and Japan—from Australia, California, Singapore, Penang, Saigon, and other places frequented by the Chinese,—consider themselves justified in guaranteeing an ultimate circulation of between 3,000 and 4,000 copies. The advantages offered to advertisers are therefore unusually great, and the foreign community generally will find it to their interest to avail themselves of them.

The field open to a paper of this description—conducted by native efforts, but progressive and anti-obstinate in tone—in almost limitless. It is the one hand commands Chinese belief and interest while on the other deserves every aid that can be given to it by foreigners. Like English journals it contains Editorials, Local Shipping, and Commercial News and Advertisements.

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NOTICE TO SHIPPERS.

Colonial Newspapers received at the office are regularly fled for the inspection of Advertisers and the Public.

Visitors' Column.

Hongkong Rates of Postage.

(Revised June 23, 1880.)

We have instituted as an experiment VICTORIANS' COLUMN, which we trust will prove successful, and be found useful. To it will be relegated from time to time such items of information, lists, tables and other intelligence as is considered likely to prove valuable to persons passing through the City, and with which we have opened a SELECT HOTEL AND BUSINESS DIRECTORY, applications for enrolment into which we are now ready to receive.

List of Public Buildings.

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Public Gardens, a beautifully picturesque retreat and of great interest.

The Clock Tower, Queen's Road Central, in a line with Pedder's Wharf.

General Post Office, Hongkong Club, German Club, Supreme Court, &c., within a stone's-throw.

Lusitano Club and Library, Shelley St. Government Offices, the Secretariat, &c., near the Public Gardens.

St. John's Cathedral (Anglican), above the Parade Ground.

Roman Catholic Cathedral, Wellington Street.

Union Church, Elgin Street.

St. Peter's Seamen's Church, West Point.

St. Joseph's (R.C.) Church, Garden Road, near Kennedy Road.

Temperance Hall, specially adapted for sea-faring men, Queen's Road East.

Sailors' Home, West Point.

B. A. and China Telegraph Co., and the Great Northern Telegraph Co., Marine House, Queen's Road.

Masonic Hall, Zetland Street.

Victoria Recreation Club—Bath-house and Boat-house, &c.,—Praya, beyond the Cricket Ground, beside the City Hall.

The Barracks and Naval and Military Store Departments lie to the eastward, and cover a large area.

Stores, Books, &c.

General Outfitter, Hosier, Tailor, &c.—T. N. Driscoll, 46 and 47, Queen's Road, by special appointment to H.E. the Governor.

Chronometers, Watches, Jewellery, Maps and Charts.—G. FALCONER & CO., Queen's Road Central.

American and English Stores, Books, and specially-selected Cigars.—MAC-EWEN, PRICKEL & CO.

Guns, Rifles, Pistols, Ammunition, and Sportsman's Requisites of all descriptions.—W.M. SCHIRK & CO., Gun-makers, Eastern House of Beaconsfield Arcade.

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LEGALISED TARIFF OF FARES FOR CHAIRS, CHAIR BEARERS, AND BOATS, IN THE COLONY OF HONGKONG.

Chairs and Ordinary Pullaway Boats. Half hour, ...10 cents. Hour, ...20 cents. Three hours, ...50 cents. Six hours, ...70 cents. Day (from 6 to 6), One Dollar.

To VICTORIA PEAK.

Single Trip.

Four Coolies, ...\$1.00. Three Coolies, ...0.85. Two Coolies, ...0.70.

Return (direct or by Pok-foo-lum).

Four Coolies, ...\$1.50. Three Coolies, ...1.20. Two Coolies, ...1.00.

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Single Trip.

Four Coolies, ...\$0.60. Three Coolies, ...0.50. Two Coolies, ...0.40.

Return (direct or by Pok-foo-lum).

Four Coolies, ...\$1.00. Three Coolies, ...0.85. Two Coolies, ...0.70.

The Return Fare embraces a trip of not more than three hours.

For every hour or part of an hour above three hours each Coolie will be entitled to an additional payment of 5 cents.

Day Trip (Peak), ...40.75 cents. Coolie, (12 hours) Gap, ...40.60 each Coolie.

Licensed Bearers (each).

Hour, ...10 cents. Half day, ...35 cents. Day, ...50 cents.

BOAT AND COOLIE HIRE.

BOATS.

1st Class Cargo Boat of 8 or 900 punds, per Day, ...\$5.00.

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2nd Class Cargo Boat of 600 punds, per Day, ...1.50.

2nd Class Cargo Boat or Ha-kan Boat of 300 punds, per Day, ...1.50.

2nd Class Cargo Boat or Ha-kan Boat of 300 punds, per Load, ...1.00.

3rd Class Cargo Boat or Ha-kan Boat of 800 punds, Half Day, ...50 cents.

Sampans.

or Pullaway Boats, per Day, ...\$1.00.

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" " Half an Hour, ...10 cents.

After 6 P.M., ...10 cents extra.

Nothing in this Scale prevents private agreements.

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One Day, ...\$5 cents.

Half Day, ...30 cents.

Three Hours, ...12 cents.

One Hour, ...5 cents.

Half Hour, ...3 cents.

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Hongkong Rates of Postage.

(Revised June 23, 1880.)

In the following Statements and Tables the Rates are given in cents, and are for Letters, per half ounce, for Books and Patterns, per two ounces.

Newspapers over four ounces in weight are charged as double, triple, &c., as the case may be, but such papers or packets of letters may be sent at Post Rate. Two Newspapers must be folded together, or else, nor must they be inserted in a pocket book. Printed matter, however, be enclosed, or liable to be crushed (as boxes, &c.), Glass, Liquids, Explosive substances, Matches, Indigo, Dyestuffs, Ice, Meat, Fish, Game, Fruits, Vegetables, or whatever food, drink, &c., are sent.

Commercial Papers signify such papers as, though written by Hand, do not bear the character of an actual or personal correspondence, such as Invoices, deeds, copied manuscripts, &c.

The sender of any Registered Article may accompany it with a Return Receipt on paying an extra fee of 5 cents.

The limit of weight for Books and Commercial Papers to Foreign Post Offices is 4 lbs. Patterns for such offices are limited to 8 ounces, and must not exceed these dimensions: 8 inches by 4 inches by 2 inches.

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The Union may be taken to comprise Europe, most foreign possessions in Asia, N. America, Mexico, Salvador, Chile, Brazil, Peru, Venezuela, The Argentine Republic, Jamaica, Trinidad, Guyana, Honduras, Bermuda, Labuan, with all Portuguese, Danish, French, Netherlands, Portuguese and Spanish Colonies.

Countries not in the Union.—The chief countries not in the Union are the Australasian Group.

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Registration, ...10 cents.

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Books, Patterns and Comm. Papers, ...2 cents per 2 oz.

Comm. Papers, ...2 cents per oz.

There is no charge on redirected correspondence within the Postal Union.

Postage to Non-Union Countries.

Hawaiian Kingdom:

Letters, ...None.

Registration, ...None.

Newspapers, ...5¢.

Books and Patterns, ...5¢.

West Indies (Non Union), Bolivia, Costa Rica, Guatemala, New Granada, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay.

Letters, ...30 cents.

Registration, ...None.

Newspapers, ...5¢.

Books and Patterns, ...10¢.

Natal, the Cape, St. Helena, and Ascension, via Aden, Letters, ...25¢.

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Newspapers, ...25¢.

Books and Patterns, ...50¢.

* A small extra charge is made on delivery.

+ There is Registration to British W. India Islands, 10 cents. To the Bahamas and Hayti, the San Francisco route is available.

* Registration via San Francisco, 10 cents.

* Cannot be sent via San Francisco.

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